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SUBJECT: HAITI REQUESTS ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

1. SUMMARY. HAITI HAS ASKED TO JOIN THE ACP
NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TOWARD ASSOCIATION WITH THE
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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THE COMMISSION'S CHIEF

NEGOTIATOR AT OFFICIAL LEVEL HAS ASKED FOR ANY US
VIEWS. END SUMMARY.

2. KROHN, THE EC COMMISSION'S SENIOR OFFICIAL
NEGOTIATOR FOR THE ACP COUNTRIES, TELLS US THAT
HAITI HAS OFFICIALLY ASKED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE
COMMUNITY. IT WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACP
NEGOTIATIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. (THE FORTY-FOUR
ACP COUNTRIES CONSIST PRIMARILY OF FORMER FRENCH AND
BRITISH COLONIES IN AFRICA. THEY INCLUDE, HOWEVER,
THE FOLLOWING CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES: JAMAICA, GUYANA,
BARBADOS, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, BAHAMA AND GRENADA.)
KROHN SAID THE HAITIANS HAD MADE THEIR REQUEST DURING
THE LAST FEW DAYS IN WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS ADDRESSED
TO EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI AND TO FRENCH
FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES WHO IS CURRENTLY
PRESIDENT OF THE EC COUNCIL.

3. KROHN TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE THAT HE HAD JUST MET
WITH THE HAITIAN AMBASSADOR AND MADE "NEGATIVE NOISES",
BUT THIS FIRST MEETING WAS ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
INITIAL SOUNDINGS. HE HAD POINTED OUT THAT THE ACP
NEGOTIATIONS ARE ALREADY WELL ADVANCED AND IT MIGHT
NOT BE REALISTIC FOR HAITI TO EXPECT TO JUMP INTO THEM
COLD AND CATCH UP. KROHN SAID THAT HE DID NOT MENTION
POSSIBLE US CONCERNS ABOUT EXTENSION OF THE EC
ASSOCIATION ARRANGEMENTS BEYOND THOSE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES
NOW IN THE ACP GROUP, BUT HE HAS THEM VERY MUCH IN
MIND.

4. KROHN SAID THAT WHILE HE UNDERSTANDS OUR WELL-KNOWN
POSITION AGAINST GEOGRAPHIC EXTENSION OF SPECIAL EC
ARRANGEMENTS WITH LDC'S -- AND THE POSSIBILITY OF
SPECIAL SENSITIVITIES REGARDING THE CARIBBEAN --
IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HIM TO HAVE PROMPTLY ANY
US VIEWS OR POSITION ON THE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF
HAITI'S INCLUSION IN THE ACP ARRANGEMENTS. MYERSON

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